

'The unreturning army that was youth'

The Great War claimed the lives of 10 million fighting men and appalling civilian losses. Believed to be 'the war to end all wars', the conflict destroyed the old European order and, once the guns finally fell silent on November 11, 1918, ushered in a new era of global politics

TOTAL MILITARY CASUALTIES

Allies **22 million**

Central Powers **15 million**

MILITARY DEAD

% of total mobilised

Germany **1.8m** 16%

Russia **1.7m** 14%

France **1.4m** 16%

Austria-Hungary **1.2m** 15%

British Empire **1m** 10%

Italy **650,000** 12%

Turkey **380,000** 11%

Romania **335,000** 45%

U.S. **130,000** 3%

Bulgaria **87,500** 7%

Serbia **45,000** 6%

Belgium **13,700** 5%

Portugal **7,200** 7%

Greece **5,000** 2%

CIVILIAN DEAD

8-12m

MILITARY WOUNDED

Germany **4.2m**

Russia **5.0m**

France **4.3m**

Austria-Hungary **3.6m**

British Empire **2.1m**

Italy **947,000**

Turkey **400,000**

Romania **120,000**

U.S. **234,000**

Bulgaria **152,000**

Serbia **133,000**

WAR SPENDING

Allies **\$125bn***

Central Powers **\$60bn**

Cost of war estimated at \$185bn. In France alone, 1,875 square miles of forest, 8,000 of farmland and 250,000 buildings were destroyed

